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Notice of Hearing for the Amendment of Regulations of the Board of Health

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON A REGULATION

LCB File No. R072-26

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 652

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Board of Health will hold a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) in accordance with NRS 652.100. This public hearing will be held in conjunction with the State Board of Health meeting on June 5, 2026.

The State Board of Health meeting will be conducted via video conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. on June 5, 2026, at the following locations:

Physical Locations

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Hearing Room 303
4150 Technology Way
Carson City, NV 89706

Southern Nevada Health District
Red Rock Trail Rooms A & B
208 S. Decatur Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89107

Virtual Information

Meeting Link

Microsoft Teams

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTUwY2Q2NGQtNjJiYS00NGU2LWI1NjltMjcyMGJjNWU3NDcx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22e4a340e6-b89e-4e68-8eaa-1544d2703980%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22768e443d-3be6-48f0-9bb0-7e72f1276b8d%22%7d

Please Note: If you are experiencing technical difficulties connecting online, please call into the meeting to participate by phone.

Join By Phone

775-321-6111

Conference ID: 239 762 069#

LCB File No. R072-26 addresses the following main topics:

- Increase licensing fees for medical laboratories and laboratory personnel licensed under NAC 652 by seven percent (7%).
- Increase monetary penalties within NAC 449 by seven percent (7%).

1. Anticipated effects on the business regulated by the proposed regulations:

A. Adverse effects:

- i. Direct adverse effects: Businesses will experience an increase in licensing fees due to the seven percent (7%) fee adjustment. Some small providers may need to reallocate budgets to absorb the increased fee, which may add to other financial strains already reported by the industry (e.g., salaries, supplies, and utilities).
- ii. Indirect adverse effects: There may be an impact on administrative or operational planning as businesses adjust to accommodate increased costs within annual budgets. The fee increase has been deliberately calibrated to help ensure its impact remains modest and manageable.

B. Beneficial effects:

- Improving regulatory capacity will support more consistent inspections, complaint investigations, and licensing processing, which businesses rely on.
- Enhancing oversight may reduce compliance errors, survey deficiencies, and operational disruptions.
- Increasing standardization and modernized systems may support long-term stability and operational clarity for providers.

C. Immediate effects:

- Immediate financial impact in the form of increased licensing fees.
- Some providers may experience short-term administrative adjustments as they prepare for the updated fee structure.

D. Long-term effects:

- Greater regulatory consistency, improved communication, and more efficient licensing and survey processes due to strengthened agency capacity.
- Reducing likelihood of delays in inspections, backlogs in licensing applications, or interruptions in regulatory services.
- Improving statewide health and safety infrastructure, benefiting compliant providers through a more stable operating environment.

2. Anticipated effects on the public:

A. Adverse effects:

- Some businesses may pass on increased operational costs to clients, which could impact individuals on fixed or low incomes.

B. Beneficial effects: Beneficial effects on the public include:

- Strengthening oversight will support improved quality of care, safety, and accountability within licensed facilities.
- Timelier inspections and investigations directly support the health of facility residents, patients, and vulnerable individuals and improve consumer confidence.
- A more stable regulatory system reduces risks associated with delays, compliance failures, and service disruptions.

C. Immediate effects:

- Minimal immediate effects on the public.
- Public benefits from continued regulatory oversight without interruption.

D. Long-term effects:

- Enhancing consumer protection and safer licensed facilities due to adequately resourced inspections and regulatory functions.
- Increasing public trust in the healthcare and medical laboratory systems as stronger oversight reduces adverse events and ensures consistent quality standards.
- Long-term improvement in statewide health and safety infrastructure.

3. Costs Associated with the Change

- The proposed regulation increases existing fees by seven percent (7%).
- Costs to individual businesses vary depending on the specific licensure category but generally reflect a modest adjustment of seven percent (7%).
- No significant additional administrative or enforcement-related costs to the agency are anticipated.
- The agency reports that the fee increase remains substantially below the 39% cumulative inflation of the last 15 years and is needed to maintain required operations such as inspections, complaint investigations, and system modernization.

4. Comparison of State Proposed Regulation to Federal Regulations

There are no known duplicative, overlapping, or are more stringent federal regulations governing the specific licensing fee increases addressed in LCB File No. R072-26.

Members of the public may make oral comments at this meeting. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or documentary evidence in excess of two typed 8-1/2" x 11" pages must submit the material to the Board's Secretary. The material must be received no later than May 21, 2026, at the following address:

Secretary, State Board of Health
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, NV 89706
stateBOH@health.nv.gov

Written comments, testimony, or documentary evidence in excess of two typed pages will not be accepted at the time of the hearing. The purpose of this requirement is to allow Board members adequate time to review the documents. Interested persons may submit written testimony or documentary evidence in excess of two typed pages as set forth above (to be received by May 15, 2026).

A copy of the notice and the proposed regulations is on file for inspection and/or may be copied at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health - 4150 Technology Way, Suite #300, Carson City, NV 89706
- Nevada Health Authority – 4070 Silver Sage Dr. Carson City, NV 89701
- Nevada Health Authority – 9850 Double R Blvd., Suite 200, Reno, NV 89521
- Nevada Health Authority/Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance – 727 Fairview Dr., Suite E, Carson City, NV 89701
- Nevada Health Authority/Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance – 500 E Warm Springs Rd., Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89119
- Nevada State Library and Archives – 100 Stewart Street, Carson City, NV, 89701
- Southern Nevada Health District Red Rock Trail Rooms A & B – 208 S. Decatur Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107

A copy of the regulations and the small business impact statement can be found online at:
<https://www.hcqc.nv.gov/notices/>

A copy of the public hearing notice can also be found on the Nevada Legislature’s webpage:
<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>

Copies may be obtained in person, by mail, or by calling the Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance at:

Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance
727 Fairview Drive, Suite E
Carson City, NV 89701
(775) 684-1030
PIO@nvha.nv.gov

Copies may also be obtained from the Nevada State Library at the address listed below:

Nevada State Library & Archives
100 N. Stewart Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Per NRS 233B.064(2), upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within 30 days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.